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FM AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI

TO SECSTATE WAHHDC 876

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 564

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, PINS, PDIP, CU, DJ, ET

SUBJ: CUBAN INTEREST IN DJIBOUTI

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1698

1. VISIT BY CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA, ROBERTO BLANCO DOMINGUEZ, TO DJIBOUTI ENDED ON 13 APRIL, AFTER APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER (AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) ABDALLAH KAMIL. CUBANS WERE NOT RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE TO KAMIL, HE WAS TEMPTED AT FIRST TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS BUT IN FACE OF OPPOSITION BY PRESIDENT AND OTHERS, KAMIL DROPPED THE ISSUE. MOST OBSERVERS, ESPECIALLY FRENCH AMBASSADOR BASTOUIL, ARGUED THAT WITH CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE NEXT DOOR AND RECENT BLOODY COMBATS WITH SOMALIS, IT POOR TIMING FOR RECOGNITION CUBANS. JUST  
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AS WITH SOVIETS, WITH WHOM DJIBOUTIANS RECENTLY EXCHANGED ESTABLISHMENT RELATIONS MESSAGES, PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED FIRMLY OPPOSED PRESENCE SOVIET SATELLITE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN DJIBOUTI.  
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